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SENATOR F. LEWIS: Now that I have been educated, and I appreciate that,.... In Oklahoma, Senator Chambers, we never thought that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. We thought it was a giant catfish.

The issue here, and I appreciate those issues,.... Senator Koch, let me start out first by not wanting to miss Hastings College. I was just looking at those that immediately surrounded me. Certainly, I know that. If we started that we'd have to go to several others.

I appreciate the concerns you have. Senator Chambers, I do take full responsibility for the amendment as presented. It was my idea. I thought that's the way it should be done. I certainly want that to be known. Again I'd say to you, the bill needs to move on. I'd ask you to move it. I ask you to move it under the promise that I give to you that I certainly will, Senator Syas, confer with the Attorney General in your presence and ask him what he thinks, if necessary, get the correct language to do that kind of issue. I think both of the issues are important, I believe they've been over-played somewhat here. I guess I can appreciate a little of that. My concern is that we move the bill forward to provide as much flexibility in providing education for the young people of this state, handicapped, and to provide the necessary finances for those in terms of taking advantage of federal grant and aid programs. I think it was simple, decisive, clear.... The way it was presented, I certainly don't think, was in an unethical or underhanded way. Senator Chambers, I appreciate you talking about all the clever things that I knew how to do. I would like that for the record. I'll use that extensively, from time to time, when it's to my advantage.

I do ask you, now, to move the bill to Select ... to E & R initial.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Are you prepared to vote on 666? Mr. Clerk. Question is, shall LB 666 be moved ... be advanced.

CLERK: Senator Mahoney voting aye.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 8 nays, 14 not voting, Mr. President.

SENATOR MAHONEY: The bill is advanced.

Mr. Clerk, will you read into the record....

CLERK: Mr. President, a Reference Committee Report from the Reference Committee, referring LB 999 and 1000 to committee, and also 1001. Signed, Senator Mahoney, Chairman.

Mr. President, Urban Affairs gives notice of an Executive Session on Wednesday, February 18th. Signed, Senator Fowler.